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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re Application of:</b>	<b>Wolter, Schumann and Seide</b>
<b>Application No.:</b>	<b>10/070862</b>
<b>Filed:</b>	<b>September 14, 2000</b>
<b>For:</b>	<b>FIXATION SYSTEM FOR BONES</b>
<b>Examiner:</b>	<b>Mr. Tuan Van Nguyen</b>
<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	<b>3731</b>

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**Docket No.: H01.2I-10378-US01**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **June 15, 2006**.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the Application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.